

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1-15 (Withdrawn)**

Claim 16<sup>1</sup> (Currently Amended) A technical mixture of hydroxy fatty acid esters which are solid at room temperature and have improved melting behavior, prepared in accordance with the process of claim 1 by reacting, in the presence of an enzyme, alcohols having the formula  $HO-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_xH$  wherein x is from 1 to 3 and a fatty acid component selected from hydroxy fatty acids, hydroxy fatty acid alkyl esters and combinations thereof.

**Claim 17 (Withdrawn)**